

For these women, reading is a daring act

1. Discuss how women are discriminated against in the areas below.

- EDUCATION
- PROFESSION
- WORKPLACE
- SOCIETY



2. Complete the questions with the words in the box. The words in the brackets will help with the meaning of the words you have to complete.

overcome

mindset

illiterate

struggle

- What kind of barriers do women in your country have to **overcome**?
(*deal with*)
- Do you think there are a lot of women that are **illiterate** in the world? (*cannot read and write*)
- How can we change the **mindset** of society in order to help women improve their situation? (*way of thinking*)
- What countries, in your opinion, **struggle** most with gender inequality? (*fight*)

3. Answer the questions from ex. 2.

4. Watch the first part of the [speech](https://youtu.be/tJ8sXI_HrjM) [https://youtu.be/tJ8sXI_HrjM] (to 1:40) and decide if these statements are True (T) or False (F).

- Personal experiences don't motivate the speaker. **F**
- In the beginning she couldn't study at university. **T**
- It wasn't difficult to make women take part in the project. **F**
- The images of women with their words were shared on the streets. **F**

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5. Watch the rest of the [talk](#) (from 1:40 to 5:05).

6. Circle the correct word in the sentences from the video.

- a) "I saw how she was longing to *gain/make/bring* control over her simple daily routines, small details that we take *on/for/with* granted, from counting money at the market to helping her kids in homework."
- b) "I've always dreamt *to/of/by* discovering a new bacteria."
- c) "She received a *money/grant/salary* from a local NGO to fund her business studies at the university."
- d) "The Arab states are going through *high/quite/tremendous* change, and the struggles women face are overwhelming."

7. Work in pairs and discuss whether you agree or disagree with these sentences.

- If there were more female politicians, there would be no wars in the world.
- If governments give more money to women's organizations, they will spend it on education.
- If boys and girls were treated the same way, the problem of gender inequality would be solved.

8. Now, finish these sentences. Then, compare your sentences with another pair and discuss them together.

- If there were more women in top management,
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- The position of women will change in 50 years' time if
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- If men took more care of children,
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